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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NATIONAL CHICKEN MARKETING AGENCY

1. EMBASSY SHOULD PRESENT FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE ON
SUBJECT PROPOSAL TO GOC AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL:
2. BEGIN TEXT: IN RECENT MONTHS THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT HAS FOLLOWED CLOSELY PROGRESS IN REGARD TO
THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CHICKEN MARKETING
AGENCY FOR CANADA.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SOME OF THE CONCERNS
IT HAS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

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PROPOSAL AS CONTEMPLATED INCLUDES PROVISIONS TO INTERFERE

WITH AND RESTRICT IMPORTS OF CHICKEN FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THUS IMPAIR THE VALUE OF THE CONCESSIONS NEGOTIATED DURING THE TORQUAY CONFERENCE OF 1950/51.

-- THE U.S. IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS SUCH A PROGRAM MIGHT HAVE ON THE WELL ESTABLISHED TIES IN CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN CHICKENS AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.

-- OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE ELEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD LODGE THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE CHICKEN FOR IMPORT INTO CANADA IN THE NCMA. SUCH ACTION BY A GOVERNMENT APPROVED AGENCY WITH A DIRECT VESTED INTEREST IN THE TRADE WOULD CREATE A SERIOUS DISTORTION IN A MARKET WHICH HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY THE NORMAL OPERATION OF ESTABLISHED PRIVATE TRADE CHANNELS.

FINALLY, THE U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASED TENDENCY TOWARD TRADE LIMITING ACTIONS BY CANADA ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND THE IMPACT OF SUCH ACTIONS ON IMPORTANT U.S. TRADE INTERESTS.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO OUR CONCERNS AND REFRAIN FROM ADOPTING ANY MEASURES WHICH MAY RESTRICT THE ENTRY OF U.S. CHICKEN INTO CANADA. END TEXT.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM DELIVERY OF AIDE MEMOIRE. KISSINGER

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